

CLAIMS

1. A method for embedding an agreement between a device provider and a device user in a device, the method comprising:
monitoring at least one performance parameter; and
determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred
5 based on the parameter.
2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising if the event occurred, indicating that the event occurred at the device.
3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising storing the agreement in the device.
4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising enforcing the agreement at the device.
5. The method of Claim 4, wherein enforcing the agreement includes disabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.
6. The method of Claim 4, wherein enforcing the agreement includes enabling at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.
7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising representing the agreement as a Boolean expression of at least one condition, the condition based on the parameter.
8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the event is a violation of the agreement.
9. The method of Claim 8, further comprising indicating violation of the agreement on the device.
10. The method of Claim 1, further comprising informing the device provider of the event occurrence.
11. The method of Claim 1, further comprising restricting access to parameter data.

12. The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving the parameter data by manual entry.

13. The method of Claim 1, further comprising transmitting the parameter data to the device provider.

14. A method for embedding an agreement between a software module provider and a software module user in a software module, the method comprising:

monitoring at least one performance parameter; and
5 determining if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter.

15. A device having terms of usage set forth in an agreement between a device provider and a device user, the device comprising:

at least one input module configured to monitor at least one parameter;
5 a determining module configured to determine if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the monitored parameter; and
an alert module configured to indicate that the event occurred.

16. The device of Claim 15, wherein the agreement is legally unenforceable.

17. The device of Claim 15, wherein the determining module is configured to determine if the event is likely to occur in the near future, and the alert module is configured to indicate that the event is likely to occur in the near future.

18. The device of Claim 15, further comprising a data aggregation module configured to aggregate the data from the at least one parameter.

19. The device of Claim 18, further comprising a communication module configured to transmit aggregated data from the at least one parameter the device provider.

20. The device of Claim 15, further comprising a communication module configured to communicate that the event occurred to the device provider.

21. A computer program product embodied in a tangible media comprising:

computer readable program codes coupled to the tangible media for embedding an agreement between a device provider and a device user in a
5 device, the computer readable program codes configured to cause the program to:

monitor at least one performance parameter;

determine if an event specified in the agreement has occurred based on the parameter; and

10 if the event occurred, indicate that the event occurred at the device.

22. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to store the agreement in the device.

23. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to enforce the agreement at the device.

24. The computer program product of Claim 23, wherein the program code configured to enforce the agreement includes program code configured to disable at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

25. The computer program product of Claim 23, wherein the program code configured to enforce the agreement includes program code configured to enable at least some of the capabilities of the device if the event occurred.

26. The computer program product of Claim 21, wherein the event is a violation of the agreement.

27. The computer program product of Claim 26, further

comprising program code configured to indicate violation of the agreement on the device.

28. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to inform the device provider of the event occurrence.

29. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to restrict access to parameter data.

30. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to receive the parameter data by manual entry.

31. The computer program product of Claim 21, further comprising program code configured to transmit the parameter data to the device provider.